Name of the Federation	Names of the Unions affiliated	
	Railway	Names
National Federation of Indian Railwaymen	Northeast Frontier	N.F. Railway Employees Union.
	Southern	Southern Railway Employees Sangh.
	South Eastern	South Eastern Railwaymen's Congress.
	South Central	S.C. Railway Employees Sangh
	Western	Western Railway Mazdoor Sangh

Extra Duty on Motor Spirit in the Central Road Fund

4047. PROF. C. LAKSHMANNA: Will the Minister of SURFACE TRANSPORT be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that in the Central Road Fund which was constituted in 1929, the proceeds of extra duty at Rs. 0.16 per gallon on motor spirit was fixed when the cost of petrol was Re. 1 per gallon and it continues to be the same even today;

(b) what are the reasons for not revising the duty even though the cost of petrol has gone up by almost 35 times; and

(c) whether it is also a fact that it has adversely affected the States?

THE MINISTER OF STATE OF THE MINISTRY OF SURFACE TRANSPORT (SHRI RAJESH PILOT): (a) to (c) As per the resolution passed by the Parliament on the 13th May, 1988, the accruals to the Central Road Fund have been enhanced and henceforth there shall be set apart an amount not less than 5 per cent of the basic price out of the duty of customs and of excise levied on motor spirit and diesel. The accruals are to be utilised for development and maintenance of roads.

Funding of Inter State Road by the Central Government

4048. PROF. C. LAKSHMANNA: Will the Minister of SURFACE TRANSPORT be pleased to state:

(a) whether a suggestion was made at the Twentieth Meeting of the Southern Zonal Council held at Hyderabad on 6th June, 1988 that the roads of inter state and economic importance would have to be funded by Central Government on a full grant basis;

(b) what steps are being taken by Government to fulfil this long felt demand of States; and

(c) what is the present position in this regard?

THE MINISTER OF STATE OF THE MINISTRY OF SURFACE TRANSPORT (SHRI RAJESH PILOT): (a) Yes, Sir.

(b) and (c) The present pattern of assistance is a suitable and appropriate pattern and no change is being contemplated.